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Cold causes low water levels

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

According to Parks Canada, cold temperatures and a lack of mid-winter snow-melt are creating low water levels throughout the feeder lakes of the Trent Severn Waterway.

Levels on the Gull River and feeder and reservoir lakes north and south of the river are significantly below normal for the time of year.

Some residents who draw water from the lakes have expressed concern their foot valves may soon be exposed and one Mountain Lake resident told the *Times* that water levels were so low that the pipe for his water intake system had been exposed, causing it to freeze.

The Township of Minden Hills released a water conditions statement warning residents of the low levels.

"Please be advised that water levels on the Gull River and surrounding lakes are extremely low for this time of year," read the March 27 release. "As a result, residents are advised to use caution around these areas in Minden Hills as these low water levels can create unstable conditions."

"The Orillia Power Corporation will continue to operate and monitor the Minden plant [at Minden Lake] daily and will commence recoverable operations until the reservoir levels return to their normal state."

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Eggs in one basket

Minden resident Finn Taylor-Bayly, 7, holds up the basket of eggs he found on Easter Monday from the hunt at his grandparents' house, while making sure his chocolate coin was "real" against a snowy backdrop. /DARREN LUM Staff

Minister responds to Scott's petition on Carillion

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott says she isn't satisfied with the province's response to ongoing concerns over winter highway maintenance in Haliburton County.

This winter was the third season in a decade-long contract between the province and multinational corporation Carillion for the winter maintenance of the province's Huntsville district, which includes most of the portions of Highways 118 and 35 located in the county.

Residents have noticed a marked drop in the quality of maintenance during that time.

During the winter, Scott created a petition for residents to sign, tabling signed copies in the legislature in February and March.

"We have taken concrete action to improve our winter maintenance services this year, such as adding 50 winter maintenance units to more frequently clear ramps and shoulders and 20 new inspectors across the province to provide on-the-ground oversight during winter storms," transportation minister Steven Del Duca said in Queen's Park.

Haliburton County has not been the only municipality to voice concerns over a decline in the quality of winter highway maintenance in recent years.

"I was also recently given the opportunity to see firsthand the routes driven by our contractors," Del Duca said. "I know that

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22 local OPP officers on “sunshine list”

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Twenty-two of the 29 officers at the Haliburton Highlands OPP detachment made the province’s “sunshine list” for 2014.

The public salary disclosure list, introduced by the Mike Harris government in the 1990s, makes public the names and salaries of provincial employees who earn \$100,000 or more per year. Sunshine salaries at the detachment for 2014 ranged from about \$106,000 to approximately \$138,000 for the detachment commander. OPP officers throughout the province received an 8.55 per cent pay increase in 2014 as part of their collective agreement with the provincial government.

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Lindsay man charged with theft in December break-in at Valu-Mart

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The Haliburton Highlands OPP have charged a Lindsay man with a December break-in and theft at Minden Valu-Mart.

The incident took place around 8 a.m. on the morning of Dec. 30, while employees of the grocery store were at work.

Spotted by employees, the man, who allegedly stole a number of items from the store’s office, escaped through a window. On April 2, the OPP announced they have charged a 30-year-old Lindsay man with breaking and entering, theft under \$5,000, theft of a motor vehicle, trespassing, unlawful dwelling in a house and two counts of failing to comply with a probation order. The accused is scheduled to appear in Minden court on June 3.



Raising autism awareness in Minden Hills

Minden Hills councillors raised a flag for World Autism Awareness Day at the township office on April 2. Pictured from left are Reeve Brent Devolin and councillors Ron Nesbitt, Lisa Schell and Jean Neville.

/Photo submitted by Richard Bradley

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Camera has yet to be installed on Dover’s Hill

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the majority of our contractors have responded quickly and I want to thank them for their work. As minister, I have been in contact with our area maintenance contractors to ensure that they are meeting the standards set by our government and have expressed again the importance of responding quickly to a storm.”

Scott was dismissive of Del Duca’s response.

“There aren’t too many answers there,” she said. “I thought it would be a bit more definitive.”

On Jan. 27, Scott, along with Haliburton County politicians, met with representatives from Carillion and MTO in Toronto.

A commitment coming out of that meeting was that the provincial government would install a high-definition camera on Dover’s Hill (east of Haliburton Village on Highway 118) to monitor maintenance.

“There aren’t too many answers there. I thought it would be a bit more definitive.”

— MPP LAURIE SCOTT

“They haven’t got the camera installed yet,” Scott said, adding the province had to get clearance from Hydro One to install a camera on a pole at the site and that it will probably be late spring before the camera is installed.

County politicians also wanted to see traffic counts for Highways 118 and 35. Both highways are considered Class 3 roadways but Warden Murray Fearrey believes the roadways, particularly Highway 118, see more traffic than the province believes.

Were the highways to receive a higher classification, their minimum maintenance requirements would increase.

Scott said the province is still looking at the amount of traffic.

“We’ll continue to press,” Scott said. “We’re going to be a burr in [Del Duca’s] saddle.”

Scott is encouraging residents to continue to fill out petitions.

Tower to be constructed at Fletcher Lake

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

Bell will proceed with the construction of a telecommunications tower near Fletcher Lake in Algonquin Highlands.

Township councillors issued a concurrence for the project during an April 2 meeting.

While Industry Canada is the ultimate authority when it comes to telecommunications structures, its policies dictate that companies consult with local land authorities – in this case, Algonquin Highlands township – on projects.

The 80-metre tower will be constructed on a piece of Crown land near the intersection of Bear Lake Road and Livingstone Lake Road, where there is increasing demand for access to wireless Internet.

“This will help relieve that demand,” Haseeb Amirzada of consulting company CanACRE Ltd. told councillors.

CanACRE is acting on behalf of Bell.

A public consultation process on the project took place last year.

Algonquin Highlands has its own telecommunications

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They are disappointed on the height, no question.

— WARD 3 COUNCILLOR MARLENE KYLE

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policy, which requests a more far-reaching public input process than the default process laid out by the federal government.

“Bell Mobility went beyond the township’s protocol to ensure a comprehensive consultation process,” Amirzada wrote in a letter to council. “Bell had provided all of the residents of Fletcher Lake with a notification pamphlet. There were concerns regarding the timing of the consultations during the winter and early spring months. Bell extended consultations and the public meeting date very much beyond the requirements so that a meeting date could be set for the weekend.”

Reeve Carol Moffatt asked if there had been majority support for the project at that public meeting.

“Absolutely,” Amirzada said.

Councillor Marlene Kyle, whose ward will house the tower, said she thought it was more like 50/50 at the meeting, but added she’d had subsequent calls of support.

“They are disappointed on the height, no question,” Kyle said. “They don’t want to see the tower.”

Kyle also said she thought an alternative option – one that would have included a network of three, smaller

“monopine” towers, instead of one, taller tower – was not made clear enough to residents.

Amirzada said that option had been explained at the public meeting.

“I came into this day feeling like there had been a good consultation process,” said Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen, adding she felt the monopine option had been sprung “last

minute.”

“That was all provided at that consultation,” Amirzada said. “This is not a last minute thing. This has been brought up to the public.”

It is not clear when construction on the tower will proceed.



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Two per cent raise for AH staff, council

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

Algonquin Highlands staff and councillors will receive a two per cent cost-of-living wage increase for 2015.

Council approved the bylaws at an April 2 meeting.

With the increase, the reeve will make \$26,623 for the year; the deputy-reeve \$21,298 and councillors \$17,867.

Local cop recognized for community service

Constable Robin Carmount given award for his work with youth

by **DARREN LUM**
Times Staff

Haliburton Highlands Ontario Provincial Police Const. Robin Carmount was recognized for his work with youth at an inaugural award ceremony at Fleming College in Peterborough late last month.

This award was started by students and faculty of the college's police foundations program because of the Moncton tragedy in June 2014 when three RCMP officers were killed in the line of duty.

Carmount appreciates the Police Foundations Outstanding Police Officer Service Award, but really likes how this recognition brings greater attention to giving youth opportunity for play.

"I think it's great that Fleming College recognized community involvement," he said, referring to gym night, which is a weekly drop-in for sport at Archie Stouffer Elementary School. "I hope it encourages others to get involved and I'll keep doing what I do as long as the kids keep showing up."

Nominations for officers were made by several police forces in the surrounding area to the college.

Carmount was nominated by Haliburton Highlands Staff Sgt. Chad Bark.

The criteria for nominations included demonstration of superior policing and service to their community through professionalism and integrity, commitment to community, leadership, valour, sacrifice, or determination in the face of adversity.

The final selection of the officers was made by a panel of police foundations students.

He was impressed by the other recipients of the inaugural award, which included Peterborough Police Service Const. Leanda Lavasseur and Port Hope Police Service Sgt. Katie Payton.

Lavasseur earned her award for Cop Shop, which is a program that enables children in need of an opportunity to spend time with an officer and to Christmas shop at Landsdowne Place Mall in Peterborough. This program has expanded to include 26 schools in the community and across Canada with 14 other communities.

Payton, who is Port Hope Service's first female supervisor, was recognized for her dedication and superior police service.

When Carmount first heard about winning a week ago, he was surprised since the area the award covered was large, including the Highlands and the City of Kawartha Lakes.

Carmount has been a constable for 20 years and although he has received a few OPP accolades, this one stands out, reaffirming his work with youth.

"I'm happy for it. I don't need to do anything to get recognition for it. I don't really care about that. There's obviously a need here to do things with youth. If no one showed up then obviously there's no interest. As long as the kids keep coming out we'll keep working away at it," he said.

Carmount, who also does a lot of the "behind the scenes" work related to the weekly offering, credited auxiliary OPP officers Geoff Bunn and Joel Parker for coming out every week and helping run the night.

Gym night is something that could work in Haliburton, said Carmount.

"If somebody wanted to start one there I could help them to get it going," he said.

He said anyone interested can contact him through the Haliburton Highlands detachment office in Minden.

When he worked up north, as part of the two-week deployment program for officers, in the fly-in community of Pikangikum, he acknowledges there were challenges, but he also saw how there is a positive influence when working with children.

He remembers seeing children play hockey for hours and hours at the local arena, and how building a volleyball net proved to draw children, giving them an opportunity for play.

"You just build it and they're going to use it. They're going to get involved. Kids always get a bad rap for sitting in front of computers all the time," he said.

One such incident stands out in his mind about how youth need options to do the right thing.

After arresting eight youths for mischief at their school, he offered them an opportunity to have the charges dropped by participating in a "diversion program" a week after the incident.

All eight, plus seven of their friends, showed up to complete the task of picking up trash from the school grounds where they committed the mischief.

“You just build it and they’re going to use it. They’re going to get involved.”

-Robin Carmount

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Haliburton Highlands OPP constable Robin Carmount appreciates the Police Foundations Outstanding Police Officer Service Award he won for his work with youth. Carmount, who runs gym night for children in Minden, was recognized with two other police officers at an inaugural award ceremony on March 30 at Fleming College in Peterborough. This award was started by students and faculty of the college's police foundations program because of the Moncton tragedy in June 2014 when three RCMP officers were killed in the line of duty. Submitted

"That was the whole remarkable part of the whole thing that all these kids showed up, friends showed up," he said.

The parents and the chief thanked the officers after. Watching them complete the task, he said, was amazing. There was pride in their efforts to clean up the school

grounds.

"Had eight showed up it would have been great, but almost twice as many kids showed up that were involved. It was pretty remarkable," he said.



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Temporary use permit required for wedding tent

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

Halls Lake's Sandy Land Resort will be able to continue setting up a tent near the lake for weddings, but it will cost the resort's owner some money.

During their April 2 meeting, councillors received a letter from resort owner Joachim Matysek.

"Since the opening of the Sandy Lane Resort banquet-conference building in 1998, a removable tent has been erected occasionally on the beach area in front of the Sandy Lane Resort," Matysek wrote. "The primary purpose of the tent has been for wedding ceremonies. In September 2014 after obtaining a tent erection permit Sandy Land Resort was advised that erection of a tent on the beach area directly in front of Sandy Lane Resort was no longer permitted."

The beach is located along a municipal road allowance.

"Today I ask permission to erect a removable tent as required by Sandy Lane Resort on the beach area directly in front of Sandy Land Resort," the letter read.

Algonquin Highlands zoning bylaws dictate that no structure, save for a pump house or seasonal dock, be located on a publicly owned shoreline road allowance.

"In the Ontario Building Code, large tents over a specific size, such as the type used to host weddings, are considered structures and require a building permit prior to being erected, regardless of their nature," read a report from chief administrative officer Angie Bird.

One of the options listed in Bird's report – along with denying the request or amending the zoning bylaw – was for council to issue a temporary use bylaw for the erection of tents along the shore.

The bylaw will be site-specific, allow the erection of tents during a three-year period, and come with a \$1,500 application fee. A building permit and applicable fees will also be required, as well as proof of liability insurance, to which the township must be added as a third party.

"It's a new request for an existing use," said Reeve Carol Moffatt.

Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen thought the fees were a bit much.

"The fees are in place, normally, for something that is more permanent in nature," Danielsen said. "It's a tent, for God's sake."

"They're our fees," Moffatt said. "Given our set of rules, this is the best alternative we have."

“It's a new request for an existing use.”

— REEVE CAROL MOFFATT

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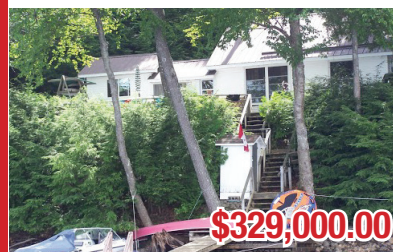
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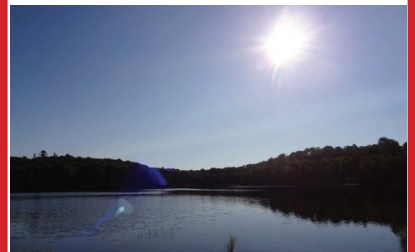
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Blocking business

THERE'S SOMETHING we need to get out of the way right now. It's true.

This column is about planning. As in municipal planning. Land use planning.

I know, right? Yikes.

But please, I implore you, before your eyes glaze over and you turn the page or scroll away, know that while this column is about planning, it could affect you.

Yes, you.
Still there?

In March, the provincial government gave first reading to a new bill that would place stringent restrictions on municipal councils when it comes to planning matters.

Bill 73, the *Smart Growth for Our Communities Act*, would make changes to both the *Planning Act* and the *Development Charges Act*.

The title is somewhat Orwellian. A more appropriate one might be the *Restricting Growth in Small Communities Act*.

Among other changes, the bill calls for moratoriums on planning applications under a number of circumstances.

Following the adoption of an official plan, no person or public body could request an amendment to that plan for a two-year period.

Same would go for new zoning bylaws when they have all been updated together (as is often the case) – no amendments for two years.

And in situations where a site-

specific zoning bylaw amendment has been granted in response to an application by owner, no person or public body may apply for a minor variance from the provisions of that bylaw for a two-year period, unless council passes a resolution permitting such an application.

Dry as a poorly cooked turkey dinner, I know. But important.

The changes proposed in the bill could constipate planning activity in the county, including hampering business development.

According to the province, the bill is intended to give residents a greater say and increased participation in how their communities grow.

However, chances are, like so much of the legislation that comes out of Queen's Park, this bill was created with urban communities – specifically Toronto and the GTA – in mind.

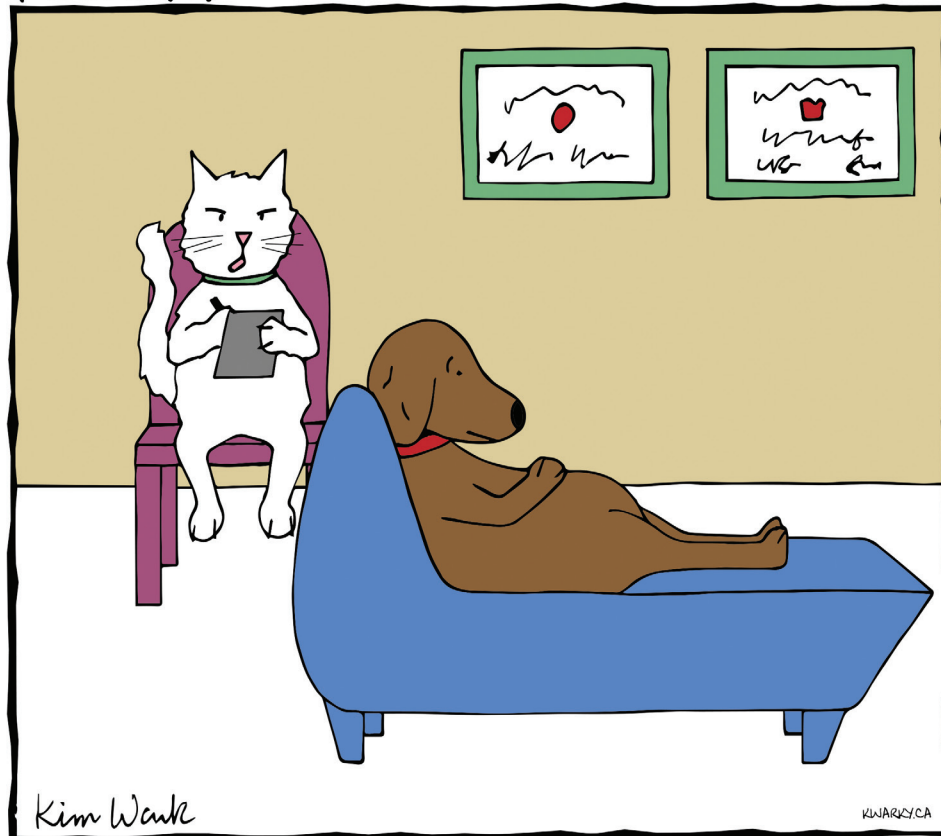
For a small community with a sparse population

and a very low commercial tax base, the bill in its proposed form is likely to impede worthy applications and delay needed business development.

County Warden Murray Fearrey has said the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus needs to advocate for changes to the legislation and he is certainly right.

Any residents interested in learning more can find staff reports on the bill on the March 25 county council and April 2 Algonquin Highlands council agendas on the county website.

The latter also provides a link to the bill in full.

**CHAD INGRAM**
Reporter**KWARKY**

Kim Wank

"IT'S NOT IN YOUR HEAD. ALL CATS HATE YOU."

Headlines

I WAS DOING my due diligence for this column today, which essentially means surfing the Internet, looking for something strange to write about, when I saw a headline that made me more than a little envious.

It said, "Meet the Chinese Lumberjack Who Slept With An Alien."

To be clear, I wasn't envious because I have an overriding desire to sleep with an alien or Chinese lumberjack. No, I was envious because of the headline.

You see that headline is pure gold – and something I doubt I'll ever get a chance to improve upon.

It's got everything you want in a headline.

Let's break this down, shall we?

First, we are invited to actually meet someone. That clever ploy gets the reader invested in the story. I mean when you are invited to meet someone, it's rude to say no, right?

Next we find out that the person we are meeting is Chinese. That makes it marginally more interesting because we're talking about mainland Chinese, so it suggests an opportunity to learn about a foreign culture, which is always fun and certainly interesting.

Then, we learn that the Chinese man is a lumberjack. I don't know about you, but this is not a job I previously associated with the Chinese. I think it has something to do with the lack of blue oxen there. Regardless, the lumberjack angle makes the headline more intriguing because it opened my eyes to the obvious. China has trees; therefore it must have lumberjacks. Cool.

Stop right there and you've already got me. But no; the genius who wrote this headline added one more little gem to ensure it was irresistible. Yes, I'm talking about the sleeping with alien part.

Let's face it; this is the final frontier. And like most normal folks, I am curious to know what it is like to sleep with an alien. There are so many questions that come to mind.

Do they snore? Do they take up too much of the bed? How about steal the blankets? Or kick off the sheets? Do aliens have restless leg syndrome? If so, just how many legs do they have? Do they talk in their sleep? Sleep walk? Do they use their fingers for night lights? And what about pajamas? Are they adorned with horseys? Cowboys with lariats? Or do they wear one piece Spiderman jammies just like mine?

This illustrates, more than anything, why this headline is great.

It encourages curiosity and it says so much that you don't actually want to read the story for fear of having your assumptions ruined.

That – and the fact that I was nearing deadline – is why I didn't.

Truthfully, I was afraid my version of the story – in which the Chinese lumberjack and alien go to sleep

after consuming some hot chocolate and reading *Cat in the Hat* – would be ruined by something prurient and scandalous like a pillow fight that got a little out of hand.

I hate to say this, but some Internet news outlets will add scurrilous details like that in just to get hits.

No, I'd rather know in my heart of hearts that it was simply one of those intergalactic incidents where two sleepy sentient beings from different worlds get together for good night's sleep.

Heck, had I read the actual story, I probably would have eventually been told the Chinese lumber industry is well regulated and environmentally sustainable. And, between you and me, I would have found hard to believe.

**STEVE GALEA**
Beyond 35

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IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

Frank's Lesson for Living

LOST THIS WEEK the friend who was the little brother I never had. His name was Francesco Covella and many years ago he taught me an important lesson about living. I wrote about it in *Reader's Digest* and would like to share it here in his memory.

It was, at first glance, one of life's impossible obstacles. First, a concrete slab six inches thick had to be smashed and dragged out of the basement, one jagged piece at a time. Then would come the digging – nine feet down with long-handled spades. We would start on hands and knees, and shovel the dirt out a window a child could barely squeeze through.

"It can't be done," I cried with unrestrained disgust.

Frank Covella turned his calloused palms upward, shrugged his shoulders and grinned. "You'll see."

The object of discussion was a nine-by-12-foot crawl space beneath a back room in my aging Ottawa house. The staircase to the basement was never meant to accommodate a modern washer and dryer. Frank, my neighbor, had suggested digging the crawl space out to create a new basement room. Then a wide and study staircase would be run down to it. "*Semplice!*" he assured me in lively Italian.

Work began Friday evening. The digging, as I had predicted, was miserable. On my knees I told myself, *Push the spade into the hard earth, try to get a full load, then aim and fire it through the small opening.* Half of my throws hit the window frame and ricocheted, spraying dirt into my teeth and hair. Each of Frank's shovelfuls flew neatly through the window.

Finally, when we had removed enough dirt so that we could stand semi-erect and put a firm foot to shovel, Frank stopped and laid a hand hardened by many years of manual labor on my soft office-worker's shoulder.

"Compare," he said, calling me by the special name bestowed when he had become my son's godfather, "this is not difficult if you don't want it to be. Let me teach you."

The lesson was direct and simple:

Work with the shovel in one place at a time. Dig at the lowest point, allowing the dirt to fall naturally onto the shovel. Keep the shovelling area organized and clean so you always work from a flat surface. And don't keep stopping to see how much you have done. Build a rhythm, and let your mind escape to other things.

As we shovelled we talked, Frank about helping his father harvest grapes and olives outside Bari, Italy on the Adriatic Sea; me about fishing for trout and snaring rabbits in the bush outside Thunder Bay. Time passed quickly, and the rhythm of digging and throwing began to feel good on my arms and shoulders. We talked and laughed, paying little attention to how much dirt remained.

Only when our voices began to echo in the hollow space around us did I fully realize the extent of our progress. Suddenly there was much space above our heads, and not long after that Frank had to boost me so I could fetch a ladder for getting in and out of what only hours before had been a cramped crawl space.

Later, there was a large pile of gravel to shovel into the deep hole to create a floor base. Then there was sand, gravel and cement to shovel into the concrete-mixing tub. With each task, I took Frank's advice: Shovel from the bottom. Keep the shovelling area organized and clean. Don't keep checking the size of the pile. One shovelful at a time.

Thirty years have not dimmed the memory of that day. When life's load seems impossibly heavy, I remember the crawl space and think: *Work in one place at a time. Keep the area organized and clean. Don't think about how much is left to be done.*

Instead of letting one shovelful become a thousand, make a plan and persevere. A positive attitude can shrink the largest mountain to the tiniest molehill. That was Frank's lesson.

Thank you, Compare. Rest in peace.

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From *Shaman's Rock*

This Week In...

When a newspaper has been serving a community for more than half a century, it builds up quite a collection of archives. The *Times* office is packed with boxes of old papers dating back to the 1960s, when the publication was known as the *Minden Progress*. It took the name the *Times* in the 1970s. Each of these boxes is like a time capsule, revealing the issues of the day. Many of the stories provide context for narratives that are still playing out in one way or another today. Every week, the *Times* will take a look at what happened in Minden 10 years before, in 2005, and 25 years before, in 1990.

From the April 8, 2005 issue:

Local playwright Michael Fay's *Never Such Innocence Again* slays at the Eastern Ontario Drama League's play festival, taking spots in more than half of the festival's 16 award categories. The production took three first-place awards and received six runner-up nods, Sheryl Loucks reported. Mother and son acting team Maureen and Mike Johnson received accolades for their performances.

Minden Hills council hears a number of options on geese control from a goose control professional. These included hiring a company that uses dogs to scare away geese while staff members destroy their eggs, or rounding up and relocating geese and goslings. Council was looking for a way to deal with Canadian geese – and their droppings – along the banks of the Gull River. The birds were also causing traffic issues on Water Street.

It's announced that each of Haliburton County's fire departments will receive a grant of a minimum of \$50,000 from the provincial government for whatever purpose the departments see fit. Minden Hills fire chief Doug Schell planned to use his township's allotment for training and Algonquin Highlands fire chief John Hogg said his department's funding would go to training and equipment.

From the April 9, 1990 issue:

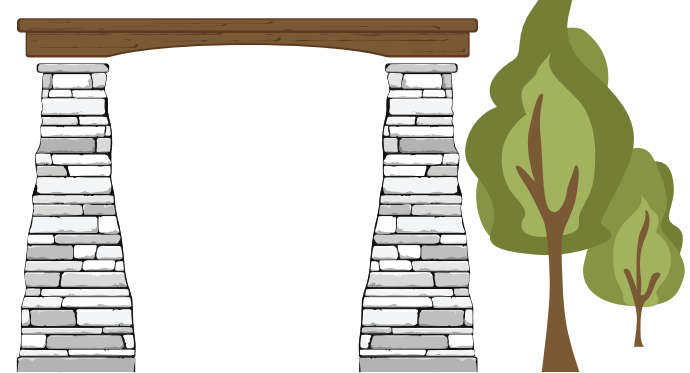
Education minister Sean Conway toured schools in Minden and Haliburton to see their conditions, which were becoming overcrowded. Accompanied by members of the Haliburton County Board of Education and Victoria-Haliburton MPP John Eakins, Conway visited Archie Stouffer Elementary School in Minden and the Victoria Street school and JDH in Haliburton.

A committee called Save Our Schools (SOS) starts legal proceedings against the Victoria County Board of Education, which had plans to close schools in Kinmount, Norland, Burnt River, Cobocok and Kirkfield.

"We don't believe we can provide the necessary human and financial resources in the northern schools to provide the quality of education we'd like," Al Ingram, superintendent of finance for the school board, told the paper.

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Bell wins with take it or leave it politics

To the Editor,

On April 2, Algonquin Highlands Council approved a plan by Bell to erect an 80 metre tower (imagine a 30 story building) on the eastern edge of the natural lovely jewel Fletcher Lake. Thanks for the legacy.

Look around you as you travel down the highway, through the town, out on the lakes and rivers. Notice the ever-increasing presence of large industrial infrastructure telecommunications towers. If you are like me we have mixed feelings. On the one hand this is scarring the landscape that is the heart of our local economies in cottage country and heritage of our region. On the other hand it brings with it ease of communications that is essential to the modern world.

When our lake community was informed that Bell was planning a tower installation right next to the lake, many people on our lake dared to say "only on our terms." Yes we want better telecommunication access, but no, not a massive tower less than 500 metres from the lake. We duly presented our concerns and alternative suggestions at the community consultation meeting at the Dorset community centre on June 14, 2014.

There were those among us who had little interest in any additional service, and those who wanted more at any cost, but generally we could agree on better cell coverage using more discrete monopine towers (looks like a huge fake pine tree standing above the others, with no lights at night), as the Lake Kawagama community had insisted upon the year before, or one large tower in a different location, set back at a sight 500 metres further from the lake on Bear Lake Road, and with no lights ever. I was impressed by the thoughtful approach of the people who attended the public meeting. They were well informed, they proposed viable alternatives to Bell, and they spoke about long term stewardship issues that are important not just at Fletcher Lake but

throughout Haliburton, Algonquin Highlands and Ontario.

Bell was to bring to council some alternative suggestions on April 2. The only council member who was in attendance at the earlier community consultation, Marlene Kyle, voted against the plan, though council passed it. Bell admitted that they could have used a three monopine alternative, but were not prepared to do it, and asserted that it would be the original plan or nothing. Council feared the nothing.

We can't help but think that if the region came up with a policy of lowest impact infrastructure and stuck with it, and negotiated this with Industry Canada, that telecommunications companies would have to compete to provide that in order to have the region's business. Instead they tell us what they are going to give us, the cheapest most aggressive and industrial solution going, and they threaten that if we don't approve their massive industrial installations we will be left off the list.

I regret not missing work on April 2 to go to the council meeting, not because my voice has so far had any effect, but because I would like council to think of the bigger picture. I am left feeling that the community consultation was a cynical sham where Bell met the letter of their obligation by showing up and defending their plan, but they had no intention of developing an alternative plan for either the scale or the location of one or more towers.

The region needs a strategy so that every little community doesn't have to take on these challenges one at a time and lose to the corporate agenda. This has been a divisive issue for our otherwise harmonious cottage community. Decide how you want our region to manage this inevitable tide of change to the physical environment, and stick by it.

You only have to travel down the corridor of the Highway 400 to see the outcome if no one

pushes back. The towers are only slightly less intrusive than hydro corridors. They brutalize the landscape, and they will be there for generations to come. The alternative, smaller monopines or discretely located towers at somewhat more cost to Bell, Rogers, or whoever comes knocking next, should become our standard. Push back, for the sake of the beauty of the region, which is the precious natural resource in our care.

While it looks like the 80 metre tower will soon loom over to Fletcher Lake, and yes I will be glad of the service but very sad to see the landscape unnecessarily blighted, please see

Deborah Cowman
Fletcher Lake, Algonquin Highlands

Thousands in assistance given to keep local homes heated

by **JENN WATT**
Editor

Our deeply cold winter hit those with the fewest resources hard this year, with an increase in calls earlier than usual and about \$7,000 in assistance given through the Haliburton County Heat Bank.

"We definitely saw a spike in calls in February, whereas last year it was more around March," said Tina Jackson, outreach co-ordinator for A Place Called Home.

She said because the weather was consistently cold throughout February, people used up their fuel faster and needed assistance sooner.

Contacted by the paper in March, Jackson said in addition to the \$7,000 in financial assistance given, 38 loads of firewood had been distributed to those without the ability to buy fuel.

Jackson sees a variety of situations and is able to connect people with funding for fuel and other services needed when costs of living threaten homelessness.

She regularly sees Haliburton County residents who are choosing between feeding their families or heating their homes.

There are seldom cases where she cannot help, she says.

"Rarely would I say to a client, I can't help

you with this," she says.

"If [the amount needed] exceeds what I can generate ... I partner with the Housing Help Centre or local churches or 4Cs to get additional money."

Since mid-January, A Place Called Home has completed nine applications for LEAP grants, which help those in need who are in arrears with Hydro One.

Additionally, A Place Called Home has granted more than \$2,000 through its Emergency Home Energy Resource Program and "supported applications to the 4Cs of Haliburton County that saw \$5,700 in assistance from that organization for heat and hydro related emergencies," Jackson wrote in an email to the paper.

"I can't tell you how many clients were using diesel in oil tanks," she says. Since calling the fuel company means putting hundreds of dollars in the tank, sometimes people use diesel because they can buy it in small, affordable increments.

The cold weather isn't solely to blame.

Jackson says the steadily rising hydro rates are making it hard for many – not only people with low incomes – to pay their bills each month.

Jackson is available to help anyone threatened with homelessness in Haliburton County. She can be reached at 705-306-0565 or tina@apch.ca.



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No mid-winter melt this year

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“Municipal staff will continue to monitor the levels and communicate with all parties involved in the watershed operations.”

According to Parks Canada, which manages the TSW, cold temperatures are behind the low levels.

“This year, severe cold, leading to thicker ice, and a lack of mid-winter snow-melt throughout Ontario contributed to below-average water levels along the Rideau Canal and Trent Severn Waterway systems, and along Ontario rivers,” an April 2 water management update from Parks Canada read. “The snow pack that remains across the southern portions of the watershed has ‘fully matured,’ meaning the composition has changed to ice crystals, as it does late in the season. This process has not yet happened in the snow present in the northern areas of the Trent Severn watersheds. Across the system, the water content of snow varies, but is below average for the time of year.”

Once the spring the melt, or freshet, begins, Parks Canada says water levels and flows are expected to increase.

It was nearly two years ago that flooding of the Gull River left portions of Minden underwater, and Minden Hills township in a state of emergency, for three weeks.

A third-party review the federal government had commissioned determined that staff at Parks Canada were not responsible for the flood.

A string of lakes and rivers throughout Haliburton County are used to feed the Trent-Severn canal, which stretches from Trenton to Port Severn.

Auction celebrates 20th anniversary

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The Kinmount Committee for Planning and Economic Development is inviting county residents to its 21st annual auction and dinner on April 25.

“It never hurts to have new people learn what we do,” said committee chairwoman Diane Austin.

What the committee does is a wide range of community projects, from renovations at the parkette and historic sawmill, to the installation of public washrooms, annual beautification including the hanging of flower baskets along the main drag and the sponsorship of events such as Canada Day celebrations and Christmas in the Village.

The evening includes both a live and silent auction and there are some big items up for bidding, including accommodations in Ottawa and Kingston, VIA rail passes and tickets for a variety of theatre productions, including tickets to Once at Toronto’s Ed Mirvish Theatre.

The evening, which includes a roast beef dinner and country raffle, begins at the Galway Hall at 5 p.m.

Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased by calling 705-488-2687 or 705-488-2635.

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Water levels along the Gull River in Minden are significantly lower than they normally are in early April. Parks Canada staff say levels should rise once the spring freshet occurs. /CHAD INGRAM Staff

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Baobab tells moving story of community

Happy and optimistic is how you will feel after the final Razzamataz Kids' Shows performance of the season this Sunday. The family entertainment series presents *Baobab* April 12 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton.

Baobab writer/director H  l  ne Ducharme says, "yes, there is hope for our world if we are all together. (I also hope) they will feel like they had a wonderful trip to Africa but it's more inside of them than what was on the stage."

The DORA Mavor Moore Award winner performance centres on a West African village in the middle of a drought. Everything changes the day an egg falls from the ancient Baobab tree. From this egg comes a boy who the villagers discover is the only one who can save the community.

Ducharme says she was fascinated by the Baobab tree and decided to write a play about it. "I wrote a play about the Inuit before and was talking about the cold, cold weather and how you live in the cold and I thought I would like to go to exactly the opposite... I discovered all the magic that is around (the Baobab) and I decided to write this play about this little boy. I wanted more than ever to insert some of the cultural way of living and cultural values of the West Africans."

While researching, Ducharme says she learned the degree of importance children have as part of the community.

"From the moment they are born, they belong to the community and it's not just the family, it's a really big family. The kids are learning, they are important, they are really engaged and are included in all things."

Baobab is more than just a theatrical performance but an experience. As soon as the children enter the theatre, they are welcomed with West African music and by the Griot (the historian of the village) who asks each child their name. The child's name is sung and they are asked what they will do for the community.

Ducharme says, "I think that in life, sometimes we are born for a certain reason and even if we are expecting things just for ourselves, maybe the community is more important, as if there is a reason why we were born in this community. We need to involve our life for that, that's something for me that was very strong."

Music is a big part of the show, and Ducharme says it was important to use ancient West African instruments, ones that the kids may not know such as the kora, (a 21 stringed lute/harp), the balophone (a wooden xylophone), the djembe (a



Razzamataz Kids Shows presents its final performance of the season this Sunday at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion.

drum) and the shekere (shaker).

Ducharme says the message of *Baobab* is for children to understand they are important.

"Important in the community, for the community, and for the well-being of the community. Each of them with all their forms when they are really strong and when they are not and when they need the help of the others."

The audience is welcome to stay after the 2 p.m. performance to see the puppets, the props and to talk with the musicians.

Tickets to *Baobab* are available at the door – \$8 for adults, \$6 for kids and those under two are free. Tickets are also

available online at www.razzamataz.ca.

Razzamataz Kids' Shows is a local non-profit volunteer group that has been bringing high quality live children's entertainment to Haliburton County for close to 30 years.

Baobab is a coproduction of Theatre Motus and the SO Company (Mali) created with the support of Theatre de la Ville (Longueuil) for the residence and in collaboration with Hamadoun Kassogue (Mali) and Ismaila Manga (Senegal).

Baobab's tours are supported by Canada Council for the Arts and the Council des arts et des lettres du Qu  bec.

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MOVIE LINEUP:

1:00 pm: FINDING VIVIAN MAIER
(83 min) - 2014 Academy Award Nominee

Who is Vivian Maier? Now considered one of the 20th century's greatest street photographers, Vivian Maier was a mysterious nanny who secretly took over 100,000 photographs that went unseen during her lifetime. Since buying her work by chance at auction, amateur historian John Maloof has crusaded to put this prolific photographer in the history books. Maier's strange and riveting life and art are revealed through never-before-seen photographs, films, and interviews with dozens who thought they knew her.

3:00 pm: THE WORLD BEFORE HER
(90 min)

Twenty young women from across India arrive for an intense, month-long beauty boot camp - they are the hand-picked contestants for the Miss India pageant. Winning the coveted title means instant stardom, a lucrative career path and freedom from the constraints of a patriarchal society. In

another corner of India we visit a camp for young girls run by the militant fundamentalist movement. Through lectures and physical combat training, the girls learn what it means to be good Hindu women. Moving between the transformative action at both camps and the characters' private lives, *The World Before Her* creates a lively, provocative portrait of the world's largest democracy at a critical transitional moment.

6:30 pm: CITIZENFOUR
(114 min) - 2014 Academy Award Winner

In January 2013, Poitras (recipient of the 2012 MacArthur Genius Fellowship and co-recipient of the 2014 Pulitzer Prize for Public Service) was several years into making a film about surveillance in the post-9/11 era when she started receiving encrypted e-mails from someone identifying himself as "citizen four," who was ready to blow the whistle on the massive covert surveillance programs run by the NSA and other intelligence agencies. In June 2013, she and Greenwald flew to Hong Kong for the first of many meetings with the man who turned out to be Snowden. She brought her camera with her. The film that resulted from this series of tense encounters is absolutely sui generis in the history of cinema: a 100% real-life thriller unfolding

minute by minute before our eyes. Executive Produced by Steven Soderbergh.

9:00 pm: KEEP ON KEEPIN' ON
(84 min)

Shot over the course of five years by first time filmmaker Al Hicks, *KEEP ON KEEPIN' ON* depicts the remarkable story of 93-year-old jazz legend Clark Terry. A living monument to the Golden Era of Jazz, Terry - a mentor to Miles Davis - is among the few performers ever to have played in both Count Basie's and Duke Ellington's bands. In the 1960's, he broke the color barrier as the first African-American staff musician at NBC - on "The Tonight Show". After a life spent working with and teaching the most totemic figures in jazz history, Terry continued to attract and cultivate budding talents. *KEEP ON KEEPIN' ON* highlights his friendship with the preternaturally gifted Justin Kauflin, a blind, 23-year-old piano prodigy who suffers from debilitating stage fright. Not long after Kauflin is invited to compete in an elite Jazz competition, Terry's health takes a turn for the worse. As the clock ticks, we see two friends confront the toughest challenges of their lives.

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By the time you read this column, the Remembrance Pilgrimage presentation and the Veterans' Dinner will have taken place at Minden Legion. Belinda Wilson was the latest Pilgrim in the Royal Canadian Legion's bi-annual tour of the Canadian battlefields and monuments of WW1 and WW2. The songs she composed for the tour would have been quite moving to hear. Over 50 local veterans and their caregivers were expected to attend the presentation and the dinner which followed. Veteran's Affairs has a special 75th anniversary commemorative pin and certificate for living veterans of WW2 and some were available to be presented by Barry Devolin's office.

Last week the Minden Legion held its monthly general membership meeting. There was a presentation from Junior Achievement member Sara McGriskin, and a presentation on Gurkha soldiers' role in war and peacetime by Comrade Michael Barnes, C.M. Preliminary nominations of executive and officers took place and further nominations and

election will occur at the next general meeting on May 6th. The members accepted the proposed change to branch regulations whereby the position of secretary-treasurer reverts to two separate positions, secretary and treasurer. Al Mayo was appointed to the poppy committee and Paul Norry appointed as treasurer. Comrade Paul reported our finances are in good shape. New members, Val Carr and Ben Carr, were accepted and will be initiated sometime later this month. Full appreciation was given to all the wonderful volunteers who participated in replacing our flooring, the new floor looks really great.

Glen Smith was the winner of the monthly "dinner for two" draw of a \$75 gift certificate at Mark's Restaurant. Our thanks to Wilson Lee, owner of Mark's, for his generous donation towards the certificate. Be sure to drop into the Branch and purchase your tickets on a \$75 certificate at this month's restaurant, the Rhubarb in Carnarvon. The prize can be used for more than one meal.

The Royal Canadian Legion Dominion Command urges the government to action all of the ACVA recommendations now. Last week, Veterans Affairs proposed an enhancement to the New Veterans Charter with a new Critical Injury Benefit (CIB) for the most severely injured or ill Veterans. Royal Canadian Legion Dominion President Tom Eagles says "While we commend the government's efforts today because the benefit is retroactive to 2006 and it does provide

more support to our Veterans and their families in the weeks and months following a sudden event resulting in traumatic injury or disease." [It does not address] ACVA recommendation that VAC undertake a comprehensive review of the amount of the disability award to more adequately reflect awards in civil liability cases for personal injuries, implement a transparent and clear process for determining its value, and improve support for financial counseling throughout the process. ACVA is short for the House of Commons Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs. For more information on its recommendations, search <parl.gc.ca>.

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We All Looked Up by Tommy Wallach

They always say that high school is the best time of your life.


Four high school seniors are preparing for their future. Peter, the star basketball player worries that his best days are behind him. Eliza can't wait to reinvent herself in the city. Anita is torn between her perfect-on-paper plan to go to Princeton and following her heart to pursue her real dream. Andy doesn't know what the fuss is about going to college or starting a career, for him the future can wait.

But when their future comes hurtling toward them in the form of a killer asteroid headed for Earth, these four high school seniors must put their planned future on hold and figure out how to make the best of their present – what remains of it.

We All Looked Up by Tommy Wallach is available to reserve at the Haliburton County Public Library.

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AROUND THE TOWN

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Here at the old farmhouse the last leftovers from a great Easter dinner are being put away - not the extra whipped potatoes, turnip and dressing but the good dishes and wine glasses. Opening Clara Rebecca's antique china cabinet I pause momentarily to drink in that particular odour of wood and polish that filled my maternal grandparents' comfortable home. It was a completely different smell from that of the front hall in the Dearbourne Avenue house where we moved after Dad returned from overseas in September 1945 to live with Grandpa Philip now a widower. Blindfolded I would know those two apart. Will our children and grandchildren have the same recollections? While grandson Ben was not here in person through the wonders of modern technology we watched a video of his Goodwood School band in a combined concert with four other area schools held at Uxbridge Collegiate. There were 62 children in Ben's band with over half new to their instruments. It was amazing how far these musicians had progressed in a few short months. Caitlin shared a video clip of her recent appearance on the Weather Network and finally tired of my whining about social media in minutes created my own email address and Facebook account. While I struggle to grasp these new tools at my disposal seven year old visitor Michael moves through the living

room making a video on his tablet starring Taffy, Clarence and Jake.

Speaking of family memories the next meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group will be held on Wednesday, April 15 at the Lions Hall, 166 Bobcaygeon Road, Minden. Doors will open at 6 p.m. and at 7 p.m. the Archives of Ontario will present *A Century of Photographs* their newest publication. Everyone is welcome to attend and there is no charge. For more details contact Gail Leach-Wunker at 705-286-2225.

There is still time to register for the Memory Wreath Workshop with Wendy Michaud coming up this Friday, April 10 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Kinmount Artisans Marketplace. The fee is \$10 which includes the wreath and some materials. If interested please call 705-488-2938.

The Kinmount Committee for Planning & Economic Development will host the 21st version of its popular Dinner & Auction later this month on Saturday, April 25. Doors to the Galway Hall will open at 5 p.m. with dinner served at 6:30 p.m. This allows time to socialize and check out the fabulous Live Auction items, bid on the Silent Auction treasures and choose how to spend those country raffle tickets. All proceeds raised support local beautification projects in Kinmount including the fabulous flower baskets and plantings. Tickets are \$25/person and sell out quickly so reserve yours now with a call to Diane at 705-488-2635. Donations of auction items can also be directed through this number.

If you enjoy the dinner theatre format mark your calendar now for Thursday, April 30 at the Kinmount Legion Branch 441. Doors open at 5 p.m. with a full roast beef dinner served

at 6 p.m. After dinner sit back and enjoy the romantic comedy *Love Letters* starring Michelle Lewis and David McGill two very talented actors now both Minden residents. David will also be familiar to readers from his several productions and readings at the Dominion Hotel. Tickets are only \$15 and available at the Kinmount Legion, Irondale General Store, Gateway General Store & Cafe in Kinmount or by calling 705-488-3191. Also returning to the Legion this month is the Liver & Onions lunch normally held on the last Tuesday of each month. So on April 28 between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. head out to the Branch and for \$8 enjoy a meal of L&O or hot alternative entree along with dessert and beverage.

While we are still awaiting Spring's arrival looking ahead to special summer happenings The Kinmount Highland Games will delight visitors on Saturday, July 11th at the Kinmount Fairgrounds from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be heavy games, Highland Dance competitions and Pipes & Drums. Vendor spots are available for both the Games and for Family Fun Day on the Main Street later that afternoon from 4 to 9 p.m. Go to Kinmount.ca for more details or call 705-488-2919.

Anxious to get out in the garden? The Fenelon Falls Horticultural Society meets on the fourth Monday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Salvation Army Citadel at 42 Bond Street West. For program details go to www.backyardbuzz.ca or call 705-887-9046. Yesterday brought two pair of welcome robins to the dooryard and coming out of church on Sunday morning a small V of Canadas honked overhead. Until next week keep busy and well, they go together...



County card scores

by Patti Fleury ~ 488-2938 ~ brucefleury1@hotmail.com

March 31 contract bridge at Club 35: The high scoring quartet members were Dorothy Kinsman 4,950, Muriel McIntosh 4,850, Linda Cherry 4,360 and Barry Cowling 3,630. Donna Hackwood was awarded the Lucky Loonie with Muriel McIntosh and Jackie Metcalf teaming up for a Small Slam.

March 31 contract bridge at Minden United Church: Topping the charts was our reporter Nancy Ballantyne at 5,030 then Anne Nickson 3,710 and Gerald Bergin 3,700 while Lillian Mann partnered with Susan Reed had a Small Slam.

March 31 Mixed Shuffleboard at Stanhope Firehall: Pearl Cowen reports that first place went to George Hamilton and Kaye Bull 426 then Connie Sawyer and Dorene Elstone 397. In third at 344 were Yvonne Arbuthnot and John Kerr while Joan Bell partnered with Beverly Kerr posted the afternoon's low of 201.

March 31 euchre at Lochlin Community Centre: Lone hand honours went to Shirley Davis with Reta Crofts high lady and Helen Burke low. For the gents Bruce Shephard was high and Ed McDowell low with Bruce also winning the special prize. Thanks to Nancy McPherson for this update.

March 31 Minden Seniors bid euchre at Minden Legion: Leading ladies were Dorothy McElwain 298, Vi Howell 274, Pauline Franzen 263 and Marcy Morgan 257. First for the gents at 271 was Archie Ross followed by Marcel

Roussel 269 and Al McMullen 221 then Phyllis Windsor and Georgina Parkes tied for fourth at 219. Doug McIntosh won the major draw with Pat Norman, Dorothy McElwain and Vi Howell claiming the smaller prizes. Betty Wagar also reports that Pat Roussel, Eileen Shapiera and Jesse Barlow had single moonshots while Pauline Franzen and Shirley Milne each took two.

April 1 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: Playing Howell Reet Murray and Judy Neimann led at 62 percent then Tom and our bridge reporter Margo Davidson 56 percent and Mary Johnson partnered with Heather Lindsay 52 percent.

April 2 euchre at Minden Legion: Lone hand honours went to Donna and Neil Darby with Elaine Smith and Robert Waterson posting the high scores. The evening's lows went to Shirley Davis and Gala Newell with Elaine Smith [2], Pearl Cowen and Howard Smith taking home the other prizes.

April 2 bid euchre at Minden Community Centre: Tied for first for the ladies at 274 were Pat Roussel and Dorothy McElwain then Clare Obdam 241, Pearl Cowen 222 and Vi Howell 217. Leading representing the gents was Sharon Jarvis 283 followed by our reporter Bev Johnson 279, Doug McIntosh 270 and Tom Grix 245. Pat Roussel held the hidden score, Pearl Cowen won the card draw and Betty Wagar the call 1 while Pat Scadden took the single moonshot of the afternoon.

April 3 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: Playing Howell Peter O'Connor and Gord Cochrane had the high mark with 66 percent then Ross Fletcher partnered with Helen Baker 55 percent while Tom and Margo Davidson were third at 54 percent.

April 4 bid euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: Leading ladies were Vi Howell 318, Jean Randell 247, Sharron Atkinson 190 and Pearl Cowen 178. At 289 Marcel Roussel was tops for the gents followed by Ida Young 256, Archie Ross 248 and Diane Wigley 184. The major special went to Maria Tschida with Ron Morrison, our reporter Albert Foster and Dwaine Lloyd claiming the smaller prizes while Ida Young, Sharron Atkinson and Marcel Roussel [2] had moonshots.

April 6 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at Kinmount Legion: Top marks for the Blue Team went to Dorothy McElwain 268 then Frank Franzen 250 and Carol Murphy 243. Winners on the White Team were Gala Newell 255, Vic Ballik 241 and Barb 239 with Marcy Morgan claiming the draw prize and Gala Newell along with our reporter Rose Isaacson taking the moonshots.

April 6 euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: Sherin Brown reports that Jean Randell won for high hands, Pearl Cowen for lone hands, Peter O'Reilly for low hands and Shirley Howe for the special prize.



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DORSET NEWS

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Tickets are now available for Dorset's 11th annual Evening of Wine, Words, Music and Art. This popular event celebrates the arts in Dorset on Friday, April 17 with the art, book & CD walkabout starting at 6:30 p.m., readings and music start at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$6 each or two for \$10 and are available from the recreation centre. Light refreshments will be provided and entry is limited to those 19 years of age and over. Contact the rec centre at recreation@algonquinhighlands.ca or 705-766-9968 for more information.

After a winter hiatus, Dorset Community Policing will

be meeting on Tuesday, April 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the Dorset Recreation Centre and all are welcome. Please call Doug at 705-766-9070 for more information.

There will be a foot clinic with Fran Gower, RN, at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Wednesday, April 22. Appointments are required so please call Fran at 705-635-1229 to book a time or for more information.

NEW! Dorset Indoor Soccer for boys and girls ages 5 to 14 will take place at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Thursdays from April 23 to May 28 (6 weeks). Ages five to nine are from 6 to 7 p.m. and ages 10 to 14 are from 7 to 8 p.m. The cost is \$30 and includes t-shirt, use of equipment and six weeks of instruction with head coach Charlie Scott-field. This is a non-competitive skills building program – perfect timing for getting a head start on the 2015 season and open to all youth and families. Registration is required by calling or emailing the recreation centre. Sponsors and volunteers are welcome!

This program is brought to you by the ACDC, Algonquin Highlands and Lake of Bays townships.

Dorset Pitch-In Day takes place on Saturday, April 25, with volunteers meeting at the Dorset Recreation Centre for litter clean up supplies and to pick a route at 9 a.m. with coffee and treats for helpers afterwards. This is a great opportunity to help tidy up the village in this popular litter clean up community activity. If you would like to "Pitch-In" or would like more information, call the recreation centre. All individuals, groups and businesses are welcome!

Birthday wishes for April 5 to 11 go out to Rick Morris, Sherri Keown, Katherine Martinko (nee Johnson), Bev Robinson, "Blue Goose", Noreen Tracey, Laura Flynn, Bruce Coulson, Jean MacInnis and Connor Crewson. If you have items or birthdays for the Dorset News, please send them along to malfano@hotmail.ca or give me a call at 705-766-0076.



The Minden Curling Club's coach Jane Boyd, second from left, saw her Grade 7 team of Ben Pilcher, second, Evan Roitz, skip, Crystal Petry, vice and Grace Hudson, lead, earn a N division gold at the Timbits Elementary School Championships from April 1 to 4 in Gananoque. The team, who finished 3-3 at the bonspiel, won their third game to advance in the bonspiel towards the N division final. Submitted by Jane Boyd



The Minden Curling Club's Grade 8 team of Caden Little, lead, left, Ben Prentice, second, Dylan Garbutt, vice, and Liam Little, skip, with their coach Scotty Boyd, earned a D division gold at the Timbits Elementary School Championships from April 1 to 4 in Gananoque. The team, who finished 4-2 at the bonspiel, won their third game to advance and then won their fifth to secure a place in the D division final. Submitted by Jane Boyd

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Two teams, representing the Minden Curling Club and Archie Stouffer Elementary School, brought back hardware from the Timbits Elementary School Championships in Gananoque. The provincial bonspiel, involving 64 teams and 283 curlers, ran from April 1-4.

The Grade 8 team of Liam Little, Dylan Garbutt, Ben Prentice and Caden Little, coached by Scotty Boyd, had a

record of 4-2 and won Gold in the D division.

The team of Evan Roitz (Grade 7), Crystal Petry, Ben Pilcher and Grace Hudson (all in Grade 5), coached by Jane Boyd, went 3-3 and won Gold in their division as well.

All of our curlers demonstrated maturity and sportsmanship and were wonderful ambassadors for youth curling.

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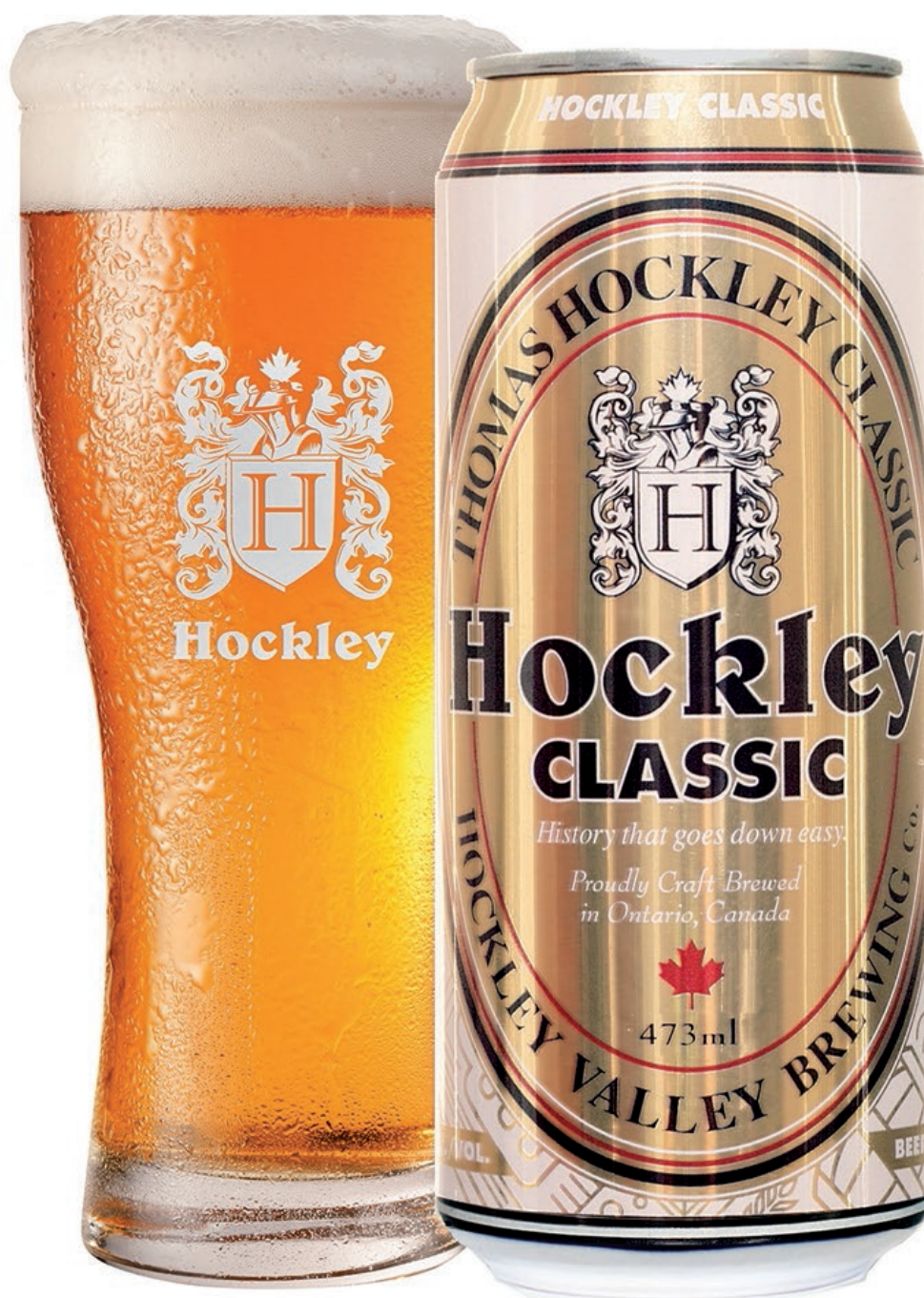
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To the land of long ago.
And memory paints the scenes of old,
In the gold of the twilight glow.
We seem to see in the soft dim light,
The faces we loved the best,
And think of them when the sun's last ray,
Goes down in the far off west.*

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In Loving Memory of **Maizie Betty Jean Austen (nee Harrison)**

Passed away suddenly from an aneurysm at the Minden Hospital on Saturday, March 28, 2015. In her 79th year.

Beloved wife of the late Walter Austen and David Lester. Dear mother of Patricia (Brad) Van Steenburg, Crystal (Terry) Hunt and Mary Lou (Robert) Clark. Loving grandma of Robbie, David, Crystal, Jennifer, Jeffrey and many great grandchildren. Dear sister of Gloria, June, Barb, Lois and predeceased by John, Bill and Lynn. Fondly remembered by her many family and friends.

It was Maizie's wish for a Private Family Graveside Service at Twelve Mile Lake Cemetery. Cremation has taken place.

Memorial Donations to the Trees Ontario would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, K0M 2K0.



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Percy Lake \$569,000



- SW facing natural flat lot
- 595 ft, 3.9 acres
- Partially cleared, circular driveway, retaining wall
- Township road, NO HST

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Kushog Lake \$662,000



- 150 ft lakefront plus over 150 ft riverfront on 2.9A
- Both a sand beach and rock shelf to deep water
- West facing perfectly flat lot with lots of decks
- 1975 s.f. living space in cottage and 2 bunkies

Dagmar Boettcher 489-9968

Lots for Sale in Haliburton!



- \$68,900 - Haliburton by the Lake*
- \$70,000 - Dean Crt-Riverside Drive
- \$37,900 - Lakeview St.
- *Picture shown for this property

Janice Brookes 457-2128 x 22

Kennisis Lake - View! S exp! Granite! Pines! \$309,000



- 2 bdrm cottage, open concept, fully furnished
- Appliances fairly new, Gazebo on deck
- Make this into a 4 season retreat, very private
- Add a septic (approx \$12,000)(composting Now)

Gloria Carnochan 754-1932

Beautiful Eagle Lake - \$389,900



- 120 Ft Water Frontage, .83 acres
- Approx 930 Sq Ft, 3 Bdrm, 3 Pc Bath
- Cathedral Pine Ceilings, Turn-key
- Level Lot, Private Sandy Beach, Close to Sir Sam's Ski Hill

Mark Dennys 457-2128 x 30

Now this is a Cottage! \$425,000



- Year round home on CLEAR LAKE
- 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, level lot
- Beautiful sand beach, fully furnished
- Oversized insulated garage, just perfect

Tom Ecclestone 286-2138 x 26

Saskatchewan Lake \$199,900



- Two story home or cottage
- Fully winterized, drilled well
- Great hiking, kayaking, swimming
- Rental potential, 3 bdrm, FAO

Lee Gauthier 489-9968

Recently renovated in downtown Minden! \$139,900



- 1,020 sq ft, 2 bdrms, perfect starter or retirement home
- Updates incl new flooring & an updated kitchen w/ stainless steel appliances
- Located on a municipal rd, laundry on 1st floor & uses in town services; very low maintenance

Ed Gibbons 286-2138 x 28

3+ Bedroom Minden Home \$191,900



- Nice sized home in Village of Minden with decent privacy
- Updated interior with newer kitchen, washrooms, floors and very clean and tidy living space
- Paved driveway, nice deck, completely private behind the house with forest
- Located at the end of a quiet street in the downtown core, ideal place for a family

Andrew Hodgson 286-2138 x 29

Kashagawigamog Lake \$399,900



- Nicely updated cottage on 5-lake chain
- Newer kitchen, bathroom, flooring, lighting
- Miles of boating
- Clean rock & sand shoreline

Susanne James & Andy Mosher 457-2128 x 33

NEW LISTING

Twelve Mile Lake \$499,000



- Large well-appointed home or cottage
- 3 Plus bedrooms, 3 washrooms & cathedral ceilings
- Double attached garage and shop
- Fully finished basement, room for everyone

Denise LeBlanc 286-2138 x 23

NEW LISTING

Beautiful Moore Lake \$349,800



- Beautiful 2 bedroom home or cottage
- Bunkie for extra space
- West exposure & private lot,
- Huge pines, granite waterfront

David Lee 286-2138 x 27

South of Minden \$117,900



- Well maintained home in quiet community
- Newly shingled roof in 2012, bright kitchen
- 3 bdrms, laundry room, woodstove, office
- Loads of space, private yard

Erin Nicholls 457-2128 x 34

Opportunity Awaits! \$134,900




- 1300+ sq ft home on 3+ lovely treed acres
- Central location between Haliburton and Minden
- 3 spacious bdrms, 2 baths, living room with woodstove
- Great project for the 'handy person', grow your value

Karen Nimigon 457-2128 x 29

NEW PRICE

13 Acres Minden Building Lot \$55,000



- 13 Well treed acres, both soft and hardwoods
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- Hydro and telephone at the road
- Backs on to privately owned, non-developed woodlands

Margie Prestwich 705-306-0491

Spectacular Soyers Lake \$1,800,000



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- Sun all day, huge lake view, gorgeous sand beach, incredible sunsets
- Executive cottage with 4 bedrooms, 4 1/2 baths, gourmet kitchen, 2 fireplaces
- Separate guest suite, finished lower level, rec room, wet bar, office
- Attached triple car garage as well as detached 30 x 40 workshop

Greg Stamp 457-2128 x 28

Home Sweet Home \$305,000



- Gorgeous country setting yet in town home
- 4 BRs and 2 1/2 baths, main floor laundry
- Main floor family room, lower level rec rm
- 2 car garage, beautiful lot and super yard

Kim Stamp 457-2128 x 24

Glamor Lake \$569,000



- Stunning sunsets from this property
- WO to lakeside deck from master, kit & livingrm
- WO bsmt, landscaped lot, perennial gardens
- 3 car gar. with storage, + out buildings, custom dock

Elizabeth Thompson 457-2128 x 52

Little Bob Lake Lot \$149,000




- Fantastic Lot on Year Round Road
- Gentle Slope from Road to Lake
- Hydro and Telephone at Lot Line
- Gorgeous Sunrise Exposure
- Two Hours to GTA

Melanie Vigrass 286-2138 x 32

NEW LISTING

Nestled in the Blairhampton \$269,900




- 3+1 bedrooms plus 2 baths
- 3 acres
- Fabulous family and games room
- Quiet cul de sac.

Tom Wilkinson 286-2138 x 25

NEW LISTING

Tedious Lake \$519,000



- Newly built 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom cottage
- 2+ acres, 150' water frontage and stunning sunsets
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